(b) whether it is also a fact that the Prime Minister has recently made adverse remarks in this regard;

(c) if so, the action is being taken to improve the quality of performance of AIR and Doordarshan;

(d) whether inspite of a large number of complaints/suggestions about the display of undesired, obscene and highly objectionable pictures and advertisements on Doordarshan, no action has been taken to delete/modify such programmes; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No Sir. The Prime Minister laid emphasis on the need to compete in the matter of quality of programmes. In fact, improvement in the quality of programmes is a continuous process and all efforts are made to bring more improvement.

(d) The advertisements shown on Doordarshan are being approved strictly as per guidelines prescribed in the Code for Commercial advertising on Doordarshan.

(e) Does not arise.

Report of Fifth Pay Commission

50. SHRI RAGHAVJI:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have so far received the Final Report of the Fifth Pay Commission set up for the Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay indicating how much time is likely to be taken by the Commission; and

(c) whether Government propose to give some interim relief to its employees pending submission of report, keeping in view high prices of all essential commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Final report has not yet been Submitted by the Fifth Central Pay Commission. In accordance with the terms of reference, the Commission, is required to submit its final report as soon as feasible.

(c) The Government have already sanctioned interim relief twice—effective from 16.9.93 and 1.4.95. At present, there is no proposal to grant another instalment of interim relief Further, periodical increase in prices is compensated by granting increase in dearness allowance under the 4th Pay Commission formula.

Non-Filling of SC/ST Vacancies in Nationalised Banks

51. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the vacancies reserved for SC/ST in all the nationalised banks have been filled as on date;

(b) if not, the backlog of SC/ST vacancies, Bank-wise as on date and the reasons for not-filling of these vacancies in each bank;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to fill these vacancies at the earliest; and

(d) whether any time bound programme will be set for filling up the reserved vacancies if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) and (b)

Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) The steps taken by the Government to fill up the reserved vacancies for SCs and STs in Public Sector Banks and Financial Institutions have been as under:—

(1) Special recruitment drives have been carried out during the years 1989, 1990,1992, 1993-94 and 1995 and a substantial backlog has been cleared.

(2) The recruitment and representation position of the SCs and STs in the public Sector Banks is being reviewed through a comprehensive proforma by the Boards of Directors of each of the public sector bank every six months and the position is being reported to the Government;

(3) Pre-recruitment training is being imparted by all banks to the candidates appearing for the BSRB examinations;

(4) Establishment of Centres for examination nearest to the areas of concentration of the ST population; and

(5) Banks have been advised to hold training workshops for the personnel working in their SC/ST cells to make them fully aware of the need for implementation of the reservation policy.

Bad Debt of Nationalised Banks

52. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the bad debts of the various nationalised banks;

(b) what are the recoveries of these debts during the last three years; and

(c) what are the lawyer's fees of these banks during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the non-performing assets of nationalised banks amounted to Rs. 25114.50 crores on 31.3.95.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) RBI has reported that its maintenance system does not generate this information.

Electrification of villages in Pauri Garhwal

53. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that large number of villages in the Hill region of Uttar Pradesh remain unelectrified specially in Pauri Garhwal region, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to conduct any cost benefit study of providing electricity to the villages of Pauri Garhwal, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any representation for providing electricity to village Bedgaon, Patti Maniyarsuen, District Pauri Garhwal from the residents or elected representatives of that area;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when Government would provide electricity to the above mentioned area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHAMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Many villages are still unelectrified in the hilly regions of Uttar Pradesh. As per 1991 Census, there are 15,166 inhabited villages in the hilly regions of Uttar Pradesh, out of which 11,541 villages have been electrified upto March, 1995.